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Mr. Chuck Fox,
Assistant Administrator
Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street SW (4101)
Washington, DC 20460

GOLDEN MEADOW Dear Mr. Fox:

LOUISIANA 70357 I'm writing on behalf of the Organization of Louisiana Fishermen,
of South Louisiana. We would like to express our support for the
comprehensive Action Plan--as endorsed by the State of Louisiana--
which will reduce current levels of annual nitrate loading into the
northern Gulf of Mexico.

We agree with the position of the state's agencies that the Action
Plan can be implemented on a voluntary, non-regulatory basis and
that it would provide benefits beyond the primary goal of reducing
hypoxia.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Fritchey

cc. Len Bahr, Executive assistant for Coastal Activities
Office of the Governor

